

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method to verify a dialed number, comprising:
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receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station, the request not including the number being initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the first call station and the second call station; and
sending said number in accordance with said request.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
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determining whether a first call request to connect said first call station with said second call station is active; and
terminating said first call request in accordance with said determination prior to sending said first call station said number.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sending a reconnect request to said first call station after said number is sent;
receiving a response to said reconnect request; and

sending a second call request to connect said first call station with said second call station.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said second call request utilizes said number.

5. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein said second call request utilizes another number.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said sending comprises:
converting said number to audio form; and
sending said number to said first call station in audio form.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said first call station is associated with a display device, and said sending comprises sending said number to said display device.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said display device is a caller identification display device.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending indicia of said request to a billing system.

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10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
recording said request by said billing system; and
billing said request to the calling party.

11. (currently amended) A machine-readable medium whose contents cause a computer system to verify a dialed number, comprising:
receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from said first call station and associated with a second call station, the request being initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys on the first call station during an establishment of a call between the first call station and the second call station; and
sending said number in accordance with said request.

12. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
determining whether a first call request to connect said first call station with said second call station is active; and
terminating said call request in accordance with said determination prior to sending said first call station said number.

13. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 12, further comprising:

sending a reconnect request to said first call station after said number is sent;
receiving a response to said reconnect request; and
sending a second call request to connect said first call station with said second call station.

14. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein said second call request utilizes said number.

15. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein said second call request utilizes another number.

16. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said sending comprises:

converting said number to audio form; and
sending said number to said first call station in audio form.

17. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 11, wherein said first call station is associated with a display device, and said sending comprises sending said number to said display device.

18. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 17, wherein said

display device is a caller identification display device.

19. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising sending indicia of said request to a billing system.

20. (original) The machine-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising: recording said request by said billing system; and
billing said request to the calling party.

21. (currently amended) An apparatus to verify a dialed number, comprising a dialed number verification module to receive a dialed number verification request from a calling station, the dialed number verification request ~~not including the dialed number being initiated in response to a calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the calling station and a called station~~, and to send said dialed number to said calling station in response to said request.

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55. (currently amended) A method to verify a dialed number, comprising:
receiving a call connection request from a calling party to a called party;
receiving a request from the calling party to send a number associated with the called party to the calling party while the call is being connected, the request ~~not~~

including the number being initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the calling party and the called party;

terminating the call connection; and

sending the number to the calling party based on the request.